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Memorandum for Recipients of Secret-level CIB

The Central Intelligence Agency has decided to stop publishing the secret-level Central Intelligence Bulletin. The last edition will be issued on Saturday, 14 July 1973.

CIA, mindful of the need in some quarters for a daily intelligence summary at the secret level, plans to produce four regional briefs--covering East Asia, Middle East/Africa, Europe, and Western Hemisphere. These will be filed electrically four days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Thursday, these regional briefs will be replaced by a worldwide brief based on the Agency's Weekly Summary.

Arrangements have already been made to provide this service to a number of the users of the secret Bulletin.
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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES: The French are taking advantage of increased attention to the world protein shortage, illustrated by the recent US controls on soybean exports, to press again for the EC to lessen its dependence on protein imports.

In a note sent to the president of the EC Commission last week, France drew attention to the community's protein deficit and suggested measures that would encourage the production of soybeans or other protein-rich legumes. The potential in the community for soybean cultivation is limited, and the other legumes are deficient in certain essential amino acids, but the present European climate of opinion is more favorable than in the past for consideration of such long-term measures to augment the protein supply.

The Commission will discuss the French note this week, but is unlikely to take any action on it before the August vacation. EC Commissioner Lardinois will be in Washington next week to discuss the soybean-export problem. In addition to the French request for community protein cultivation, Lardinois may bring up the Commission's suggestions for international commodity arrangements to assure food supplies.

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YUGOSLAVIA: The election of Mitja Ribicic as Vice President--and potentially successor pro tem to President Tito--is probably intended to emphasize continuity in the top leadership.

Ribicic replaced the outgoing vice president according to the rotational system created by the constitutional reforms of 1971. He will serve one year, and his post will then go to a member of the collective state presidency from Serbia. Should Tito die in the interim, Ribicic will assume the title "President" of the collective, but would be unlikely to exercise independent authority.

According to new protocol guidelines announced last week, Vice President Ribicic will assume most of Tito's ceremonial duties. Ribicic, however, lacks the personal power base necessary to become a substantial contender in succession politics. No real rival to Tito's heir apparent in the party, Stane Dolanc, has yet appeared. [redacted]

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ARGENTINA: The Peronist government has scored an initial victory in its effort to control Argentina's inflation. Strict price controls and a 20-percent rollback in beef prices drove the consumer price index down by 2.5 percent last month. This is in marked contrast to the 64-percent jump in consumer prices last year and the 31-percent rise in the first five months of this year. Continued price stability is doubtful, however, because of a projected federal deficit exceeding \$2 billion and government promotion of high-cost domestic industry at the expense of agriculture. Labor's willingness to continue its moratorium on wage demands will be the most important factor in avoiding a renewed wage-price spiral.

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